

IN THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing magnetic wear debris
2 collection for an air bearing of a spindle motor in a hard disk drive, comprising:
3 providing the [[a]] spindle motor comprising a hub;
4 providing the [[an]] air bearing for a journal bearing, the journal bearing radially
5 supporting the hub; and
6 positioning a magnetic ring in a base at an opening of the air bearing to a disk
7 area, wherein the magnetic ring is positioned such that the magnetic ring accumulates
8 debris before debris can escape into the disk area in a position proximate to the air
9 bearing; and
10 ~~————as the motor is activated to spin the spindle and disk, accumulating debris at the~~
11 ~~magnetic ring.~~

1 2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising
2 providing a mating surface to the journal bearing, the mating surface comprising a
3 paramagnetic material.

1 3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 further comprising
2 providing a mating surface to the journal bearing, the mating surface comprising a
3 ferromagnetic material.

1 4. (Original) The method of claim 1 further comprising providing a thrust
2 bearing to axially support the hub.

1 5. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the thrust bearing comprises
2 an oil bearing.

1 6. (Original) The method of claim 4 wherein the thrust bearing comprises
2 an air bearing.